

Mayor: James Howell
Town Council:
Angele Bradley
Tyler Cook
Inez Lee
Mary Ann Mack
Town Administrator:
Tim Dargan

Editor of Lamar's Monthly
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Lamar's Monthly Connection

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Town Office Hours
M – Th 9 am – 4:30 pm

Police Department Hours
M – F 8 am – 12 pm
1 pm – 5 pm

SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL REUNION OF CLASSES 1942-1983

2025 REUNION

Saturday
September 20, 2025
Start From
6:00 - 11:00PM
Staybridge Suites
150 Westpark Dr Florence SC 29501

Friday
September 19, 2025
From 7:00 - 11:00 PM

MEET & GREET

COST: \$65 - BOTH EVENTS

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT

CONTACT YOUR CLASS REP FOR ADDITIONAL INFO

HARVEST HOPE

September Harvest Hope Packing/Distribution Dates

Tuesday, 9/16 – Can Goods, 9 am
Tuesday, 9/23 – Produce, 9 am
Thursday, 9/25 – Distribution @ Lamar Town Hall, 12 Noon

LAMAR CIVITAN RECEPTION & GOLF TOURNAMENT 2025

WHAT: Drop-In Reception
WHERE: Governor's Run Golf Club
WHEN: October 9, 2025
TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
TICKETS: \$30 each

The Golf Tournament will be played on October 10, 2025 @ 11 a.m.

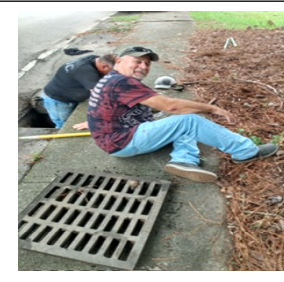
Benefits Support Lamar High School And Youth of Lamar

"THANK YOU" TO THE CHIEF AND HIS POLICE OFFICER

Janie Howell

Chief Carter and Officer Floyd are not just policing these days. Many thanks go to these two for cleaning ditches and clearing storm drains!

Mayor James Howell states, "They are doing a great job. When Public Works needed help, the Police Department stepped up to the plate. I made some pictures. Employees helping employees speaks volumes for our small town departments."



Thank you, Chief Carter and Officer Floyd.

All the ditches in town need cleaning. This is just the beginning. Tree roots have grown into the ditch banks. Also, much debris has been thrown into the ditches; thus water does not drain when we have big rainfalls.

Also, the drains must be open.

Straw, trash, and other debris cover the tops of these. If you have a drain near you that covers over, it would help if you would clear it. We can all help! Thanks.



Election and Registration

Taken from Darlington Co. Voter R. & E. Info

Offices open in Lamar's Municipal Election on November 4, 2025, are Lamar Mayor and two at large Town Council seats. Candidates who filed for Mayor are **James Howell** and **Inez Lee**. Candidates who filed for Town Council seats are **Daren Lorenzo** and **Jessica Myers**.

Early voting is from October 20 – 31 Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 5 pm. No Saturday or Sunday voting. Voters from all four municipalities can vote early at either of these locations:

- Darlington Voter Registration & Elections Annex, 135 Cashua St., Darlington
- In Hartsville at Jerusalem Baptist Church at 301 S. Sixth St.

If you wish to vote but will be unable to do so on election day or during early voting, you will need to request an absentee-by-mail ballot by going to or calling the Darlington Registration Office at 843-398-4900. The last day for a ballot to be mailed is October 24, so the signed application must be back by that date.

NOTE: ALL LAMAR RESIDENTS VOTING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, WILL VOTE AT LAMAR TOWN HALL. THIS IS A MUNICIPAL ELECTION ONLY.

You must be registered at least 30 days prior to any election in order to vote in that election. For the 2025 Municipal Elec.

- the in-person deadline is 5 pm 10/3.
- the online deadline is 11:59 pm 10/5.
- the by mail deadline is 10/6.

If you are 17 and will be 18 on or before November 4, you are eligible to register anytime by the deadline and can vote in the November 4 Election.

Photo ID is in effect in Darlington County. When voting in person, you will be asked to show one of the following current and valid Photo IDs:

- SC Driver's License: Standard or Real ID
- SC Dept. of Motor Vehicles ID Card
- SC Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport (Includes Passport ID Card)

TOWN OF LAMAR JOBS CONTINUED:

POLICE OFFICER: Job Type: Full-Time
Certified Officer; \$17/Hour – based on experience and certification
Benefits: Insurance, Retirement, Uniforms, Equipment Provided
Employment Qualifications:
U.S. Citizen at least 21 in Age
High School Diploma or GED
Valid SC Driver's License
Pass Background Check
Access an application at www.lamarsc.org and send to tdargan@lamarsc.org.

TOWN OF LAMAR JOBS

PUBLIC WORKS: Job Type: Supervisor/Schedules jobs/Works with employees
Pay is negotiable and benefits eligible, Full-Time
This employee will schedule work, work with water repairs, drive a lawnmower/tractor, supervise/work to see jobs complete, etc. See the Mayor immediately or access an application at www.lamarsc.org and send it to tdargan@lamarsc.org.

TOWN CLERK: Job Type: Full Time; Benefits Eligible; \$17/Hour – Negotiable – Based on Experience
This employee serves as a clerk to the Lamar Town Council and assistant to the Lamar Town Administrator. Administrative work in Town Hall includes the preparation of a variety of official documents, issuance of various licenses and permits, and recording documents. Other job responsibilities include attending public meetings and recording minutes, notifying the public of public meetings, and completing tasks in a timely manner. **High School graduate required; 3 or more years of prior clerical experience desired; education, training, and experience will be considered; excellent communication and computer skills a must. MS Word and Excel are required. Access an application at www.lamarsc.org and send to tdargan@lamarsc.org with a current resume.**

ORDINANCE

LAMAR TOWN CODE
ARTICLE II. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

2.201. ELECTION LAWS OF THE STATE
TO GOVERN.

All municipal elections shall be conducted in accordance with the election laws of the State of South Carolina as provided in the South Carolina Code of Laws...

2.202. NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS
ADOPTED.

All regular and special elections for the office of Mayor and Town Council, respectively, shall be non-partisan elections. No political party affiliation shall be placed on any ballot for any candidate.



Dates to Remember
Check the Library for a schedule.

--Labor Day – Sept. 1
OFFICE CLOSED
TRASH PICKED UP ON 9/2, 9/5

- Day of Prayer & Fasting –
1st Monday, Sept. 1
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm –
Town Hall – Sept. 8
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am –
Town Hall – Sept. 12
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm
Town Hall – Sept. 15
- Water Bill Due – Sept. 20

Lamar Recreation
Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

BINGO – Tuesday, 9/16, 10 am
TRIP – Thursday, 9/18
Shuler's BBQ, Latta

| FREE PRINTABLE BINGO CARDS | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 8 | 58 | 75 | 56 | 23 |
| 46 | 62 | 48 | 47 | 35 |
| 69 | 31 | ★ | 2 | 40 |
| 61 | 50 | 14 | 41 | 51 |
| 33 | 72 | 4 | 36 | 34 |



Foxes at LFBC on Sunday, Aug. 17



TOWN COUNCIL REPORT
8/11/2025

CODES & BUSINESS

Councilwoman Bradley -
-- New project on Pearl St.:
Warehouse being revamped for lease for a manufacturer or such.
-- Business licenses were due on April 30. If you have not renewed, you will incur a penalty for each month past April 30.

WATER & SEWER

Councilwoman Lee –
--The report for Keep America Beautiful has been sent to headquarters in Columbia.
--There have been various water leaks. We try to get to these as soon as possible. Please report if you see or suspect a leak. Call 843-230-7137 or report it to Town Hall.
Water bought in July: 3,309,500
Water billed: 1,839,500
Water loss: 1,470,000
Paid to Darlington Co. \$11,511.92

STREETS & SANITATION

Councilwoman Mack –
--We are continuing to monitor the street lights.
--Small debris like straw, leaves, pine cones, and grass clippings must be bagged to be picked up. -- Small furniture like a small chair will be picked up, but whole bedroom sets will not be picked up. We do not have the manpower to do “big” stuff. The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays are pickup days for this kind of debris.
--We need a Public Works employee-See article.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Cook /Chief Carter -
--Thank you to all who helped with Family Fun Day on July 26.
--Looking for officer-See article
--Watch speeding in town—mostly 25-35 mph.
--Call 843-398-4011 for animal control.
--In SC a new law states that all under the age of 13 must wear a seatbelt to ride in a golf cart.
-- A sign must be posted at each entrance into a building where carrying a concealable weapon is prohibited. When the Chief checks with each business in Town, if wanted he will furnish the sign.

Mayor
James
Howell



Fall
starts:
9/22/25

Summer is wrapping up! This means Labor Day is here, school is in full swing, and vacations are now on hold for another time.

Labor Day is a federal holiday observed each year the first Monday of September; thus, this year Labor Day is September 1. This holiday recognizes the many contributions workers have made to America’s prosperity and well-being. In other words, it is a day to recognize and honor laborers. I hope you enjoy Labor Day. Do you plan to grill out, play golf, sit around and enjoy a book, or go to a baseball game?

Our students are “back in the books.” Support our students and schools—**LHS, SMS, LSE**—in every way possible. I know all of you going to LSE are put out with the paving of 401N. However, you will have a very smooth road with no potholes on which to transport your kids to school.

Several businesses have opened in Lamar in the last four years. We can accommodate most all of your needs locally. **SHOP LOCAL!** There are benefits: easy parking, even walkability, time saved, positive impact on our local economy, and shopping with friends or neighbors. **SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY.**

This Connection has several issues important for all. Please read about the election and the three (3) job opportunities available, plus information listed in the TOWN COUNCIL REPORT for 8/11/25.

I HAVE FILED TO CONTINUE SERVING AS YOUR MAYOR FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. November 4 is Election Day, but early voting and absentee-by-mail ballot are available. See the article on the front.

Have a great month,
James

Lamar Football is Ready to Go
Artificial turf – PROFESSIONAL! Way to go, Silver Foxes! Way to go!

